

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ROME 13159 281703Z

51

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 AGR-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 FRB-02 H-03 INR-10 INT-08 L-03 LAB-06 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 AID-20 CIEP-02 SS-20 STR-08

TAR-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15 PRS-01 SPC-03 OMB-01 IO-14

DRC-01 /193 W

----- 102413

R 281556Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2072

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ROME 13159

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD GATT EEC IT

SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS - KRAFT PAPER

REF: STATE 231956

1. ITALY DOES IN FACT PRODUCE ONLY SMALL AMOUNT OF GENUINE KRAFT
PAPER. ITALIAN PAPER INDUSTRY ALSO PRODUCES KRAFT-TYPE PAPER
(USING LARGE AMOUNTS OF WASTE) WHICH ALTHOUGH OF POORER QUALITY --
IT HAS SHORTER FIBERS -- IS USED DOMESTICALLY IN KRAFT-TYPE
APPLICATIONS. THUS ITALIAN CONCEPT OF "KRAFT" IS MUCH BROADER
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ROME 13159 281703Z

THAN IN THE UNITED STATES. GOI TENDS NOT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN

TWO TYPES WHEN TALKING ABOUT "KRAFT" PAPER INDUSTRY IN ITALY.

2. GOI'S PRIMARY CONCERN APPEARS TO BE COMPETITIVE PRICE OF US KRAFT, AS INDICATED PARA 5 REFTEL. ITALIAN INDUSTRY CANNOT MATCH THESE PRICES AND OPERATE AT A PROFIT, ACCORDING MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE SOURCES.

3. MINISTRY INDUSTRY SOURCES HERE DO NOT AGREE THAT KRAFT PRODUCTION BASED ON IMPORTS UNBLEACHED SULPHATE WOOD PULP NOT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. THEY WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS HIGH COST PRODUCTION, EVEN WHEN KRAFT-TYPE PRODUCT USING MIX OF PULP AND WASTE IS PRODUCED. THEY THEREFORE ARGUE THAT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY NEEDS PROTECTION FROM NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCTS, WHO, IT IS CHARGED, "PLAY WITH PRICES". BECAUSE OF "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" WITH SCANDINAVIAN PRODUCERS RE PRICING, INDUSTRY DOES NOT FEAR LOW-COST IMPORTS FROM THIS SOURCE. VOLPE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PAPERS, NEGOTIATIONS, IMPORT CONTROLS, PRICE CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973ROME13159
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973118/aaaaafjw.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 231956
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Sep-2001 by freemaal>; APPROVED <01-Nov-2001 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS - KRAFT PAPER
TAGS: ETRD, IT, GATT, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005